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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITREP NOON APRIL 27

1. SITUATION REMAINS CALM, NORMAL ON SURFACE. BUSINESS AS USUAL; TAP TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS LATER TODAY. ONLY CHANGE SEEMS TO BE HEIGHTENED INTEREST AMONG AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND ANXIETY AMONG RESIDENT NON-BLACKS CAUSED BY WHAT THEY VIEW AS RADICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN LISBON AND LACK OF DIRECTION OF CONTROL HERE.

2. PREDOMINANTLY BLACK RESIDENTIAL AREAS (MUSSEQUES) OF LUANDA HAVE BELATEDLY AWAKENED TO IMPLICATIONS OF EVENTS IN LISBON AND FUTURE IN ANGOLA. CONSIDERABLE "NERVOUSNESS" IS REPORTED, PRIMARILY OVER HOW ORDER IS TO BE MAINTAINED IF IT REALLY TRUE POLITICAL POLICE (DGS) CURBED AND SECURITY POLICE (PSP) HARASSMENT ENDED. THERE IS CONCERN LEST TROUBLEMAKERS SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION, AND APPARENT LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN ARMY AS GUARANTER LAW AND ORDER. WITH FREEING OF POLITICAL

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PRISONERS IN METROPOLE (RULLY REPORTED IN TODAY'S PRESS,

TOGETHER WITH ACCOUNT OF BATTLE BETWEEN JUNTA TROOPS AND DGS/
LISBON) QUESTION BEING ASKED IS WHETHER POLITICAL PRISONERS
(MOSTLY MPLA) AT SAO NICOLAU TO BE RELEASED.

3. NON-BLACKS APPREHENSIVE OVER WHAT A NUMBER OF OUR CONTACTS
SEEM TO REGARD GROWING POTENTIAL HERE FOR RUNAWAY EFFECT
(MEANING THREAT TO WHITE CONTROL). ACCORDING TO ONE SEPARATIST
SOURCE WHITES ARE TAKING QUIET MEASURES FOR SELF-DEFENSE
REMINISCENT 1961.

4. COMMENT: NONE OF THIS SHOULD BE SEEN AS PORTENT OF TROUBLE,
?UT IS FACTOR NEW LEADERSHIP IERE MUST COPE WITH. PROBLEM FOR
THEM IS TOTAL LACK OF CREDIBILITY SO FAR, NOT EASED BY ABSENCE
FROM PUBLIC SCENE OF ANY OVERT SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES.
FREQUENT HEAVY THUNDERSHOWERS MAY BE GUARANTER OF CLAM OVER
WEEKEND, UNTIL SITUATION IN LISBON CLARIFIES.
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